

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/996,019  
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR CONTROLLING AND SIMPLIFYING A SIGN-UP OPERATION OF AN APPARATUS OVER A NETWORK (AS AMENDED)  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on December 1, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.